

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. - 36. (canceled).

37. (new): An anode material for a secondary battery which is used for an anode in a non-aqueous electrolyte secondary battery having at least the anode, a cathode and a lithium-ion conducting non-aqueous electrolyte, consisting of a particulate composite which comprises an Si oxide and at least one noble metal.

38. (new): An anode material for a secondary battery which is used for an anode in a non-aqueous electrolyte secondary battery having at least the anode, a cathode and a lithium-ion non-aqueous electrolyte, consisting of a particulate composite which comprises a lithium silicate and at least one noble metal.

39. (new): An anode material for a secondary battery which is used for an anode in a non-aqueous electrolyte secondary battery having at least the anode, a cathode and a lithium-ion conducting non-aqueous electrolyte, comprising an activator layer which comprises an Si oxide and at least one noble metal, wherein the activator layer does not comprise a binder.

40. (new): An anode material for a secondary battery which is used for an anode in a non-aqueous electrolyte secondary battery having at least the anode, a cathode and a lithium-ion

conducting non-aqueous electrolyte, comprising an activator layer which comprises a lithium silicate and at least one noble metal, wherein the activator layer does not comprise a binder.